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NEXT MEETING

Thursday
May 23

West Valley
Fitness Center
5514 West 3100 South
West Valley City, Utah

7:00 PM

PROGRAM

DAVID SECOR

Presents

Hammers, knives
And the Ancient
Magic of
Blacksmithing

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Promptness Prize —
Grand Prize

Prize list not available in time for
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BREAKING NEWS

Would you like to go with Indiana Jones on an adventure to investigate a newly discovered structure in the mountains above Manning? Laird Naylor, an archeologist for the BLM, has offered to lead an expedition of NUTS to investigate. (Indiana Jones was not available) We will go up in 4X4 vehicles and there will be some hiking. This will be exploration only, no digging or collecting. We will meet at the gas station in Cedar Fort at 9:00 on Saturday, June 8.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Titanic information and collectables were given out by Scott Sanders to those at our last meeting. Everyone got a packet with Titanic trading cards and a superior quality chocolate sample, worthy of the luxurious fine dinning rooms of the mighty Titanic. Thank you Scott.

Hammers and knives and the ancient craft of blacksmithing will be the topic of this month's meeting. David Secor, my youngest son, recently won the state VICA welding competition. That gives me bragging rights. For some years now, David has been collecting and repairing antique hammers. Some of them he uses with a coal-fired forge to make his own knives. Come see the hammers and learn how to use them. Don't touch the knives; they are razor sharp.

Sunshine will be the site of our club hunt on Saturday, May 25, on Memorial day weekend. (Permission for Frisco didn't work out.) I was at Sunshine a few weeks ago. The road up the canyon is rocky and rutted, but if you go slow, you should be able to get up it in anything but a low-slung sports car. I will bring a beef roast. Watch me attempt to slow-cook it in a fire pit. If it works, I will share.

Some bad press appeared in the Ogden paper this week. A copy is on the next page. The BLM and Park Service seem to be on a campaign to stop all treasure hunting and collecting. We need to somehow get the word out that as NUTS members:

We don't tolerate grave robbing. We respect burial sites,
and will not disturb them.

We want to preserve history. We are dedicated to the collecting,
recording, and preserving of Utah's historical medals, tokens,
coins, and bottles. We pick up and preserve artifacts rather
than let them continue to rot, corrode or be destroyed by the
elements or by vandals.

We display tokens and artifacts for the education of the public
at our monthly meetings and at our yearly coin shows.

Prepare a display for our coin show, which is June 28 and 29. Use your own case, or the club will provide one. Make a title, and add any necessary information to make your display more interesting and understandable. Fill out the Application to Exhibit (see page 6) and give your application to Bob Campbell at least one day before the show. You could win, or at the very least you will educate and spark more interest in your kind of stuff.

See you at the meeting

Karen

Vandals haunt Top of Utah ghost towns

Piece by piece, they rob state of its history

By BRYCE PETERSEN JR.

Standard-Examiner staff

Interpretive signs shot beyond legibility. Hundred-year-old cabins used for firewood. Pot hunter potholes dug in long-abandoned towns west of the site of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

The abandoned towns of Box Elder County were destroyed in World War II. Not by an air raid, as the periodic craters and flattened buildings might suggest, but it happened when historic, but little-used track was removed for use in the war effort. All the residents, their railroad jobs eliminated, moved on.

In the intervening years, collectors have carted off railroad spikes, coins, buttons, bottles left by Chinese railroad workers, brass valves and other valuables tossed out of later trains. They've even taken truckloads of railroad ties.

The 1979 Archaeological Resource Protection Act strengthened laws against

damaging historic artifacts, defined as any object more than 100 years old. Any damage over \$500 – a level reached with nearly the first shovel full of dirt – is a felony and carries a possible prison sentence.

But prosecution is difficult. The Bureau of Land Management owns the railroad grade west of Promontory as well as a significant portion of Tooele County, site of abandoned mining towns. There are a few cases currently under investigation, but digging for artifacts in Box Elder has not resulted in a conviction for several years.

The agency only has two law enforcement agents covering Box Elder, Tooele, Rich and Utah counties. One of the agents, Aaron Kania, said they rely on other BLM employees and the public for help prosecuting diggers in the area.

"They're our eyes and ears. We just can't be everywhere. We need the public," Kania said.

But vandalism and removal of artifacts are apparent in ghost towns from Kelton to Mercur, from Terrace to Jacob City. For example, an entire building in Grouse Creek is built from railroad ties, said Britta Laub, recreation planner for the BLM.

"At least they (the ties) were being used to build something. And they may have been taken before they were considered historic," she said.

Laub is not always so empathetic. A grave in the old Box Elder town of Terrace, once a peaceful resting spot, is now a hole. That's what she and a group of Boy Scouts found one day while working on a project to clean up that small cemetery.

"Can you imagine? I don't know if they were looking for rings or what. I don't know if they found what they were looking for, we didn't look too close. But I just couldn't believe it," Laub said.

The problem is not limited

to Box Elder. John Skinner, a Tooele historian and expert on the area's mining towns, has watched several literally disappear since the 1960s. At the time, there were surviving buildings at many in the cluster of boom towns, but snow, vandalism and another wave of mining have taken their toll.

For instance, Jacob City's boarding house, a two-story building used by tourists of the era, was standing until the early 1990s. Skinner worked with county government to get funding for its restoration, and the Tooele County Preservation Board was created. But it was too late.

"I tried for years to get people up there to preserve it, but nobody seemed too interested. Finally, me and another guy went up one spring to try to brace it up a little bit and it had fallen," Skinner said.

The Preservation Board quickly collapsed along with its initial project. Unlike maintained and marked towns in Nevada, there just aren't many structures left in Utah's ghost towns.

But all is not lost. Julie McGee, a BLM archaeologist, said towns like Kelton and Terrace, while not much to look at, are still ripe for scientific study.

Artifacts are generally arranged in chronological layers, with the earliest pieces buried deepest, she said. An undisturbed site is a time line that can tell researchers much about the economy, town layout and ethnic make up.

Report vandalism

Those who see inappropriate activity on BLM land are advised not to confront the person, but take down identifying information and report archaeological vandalism at (800) 722-3998.

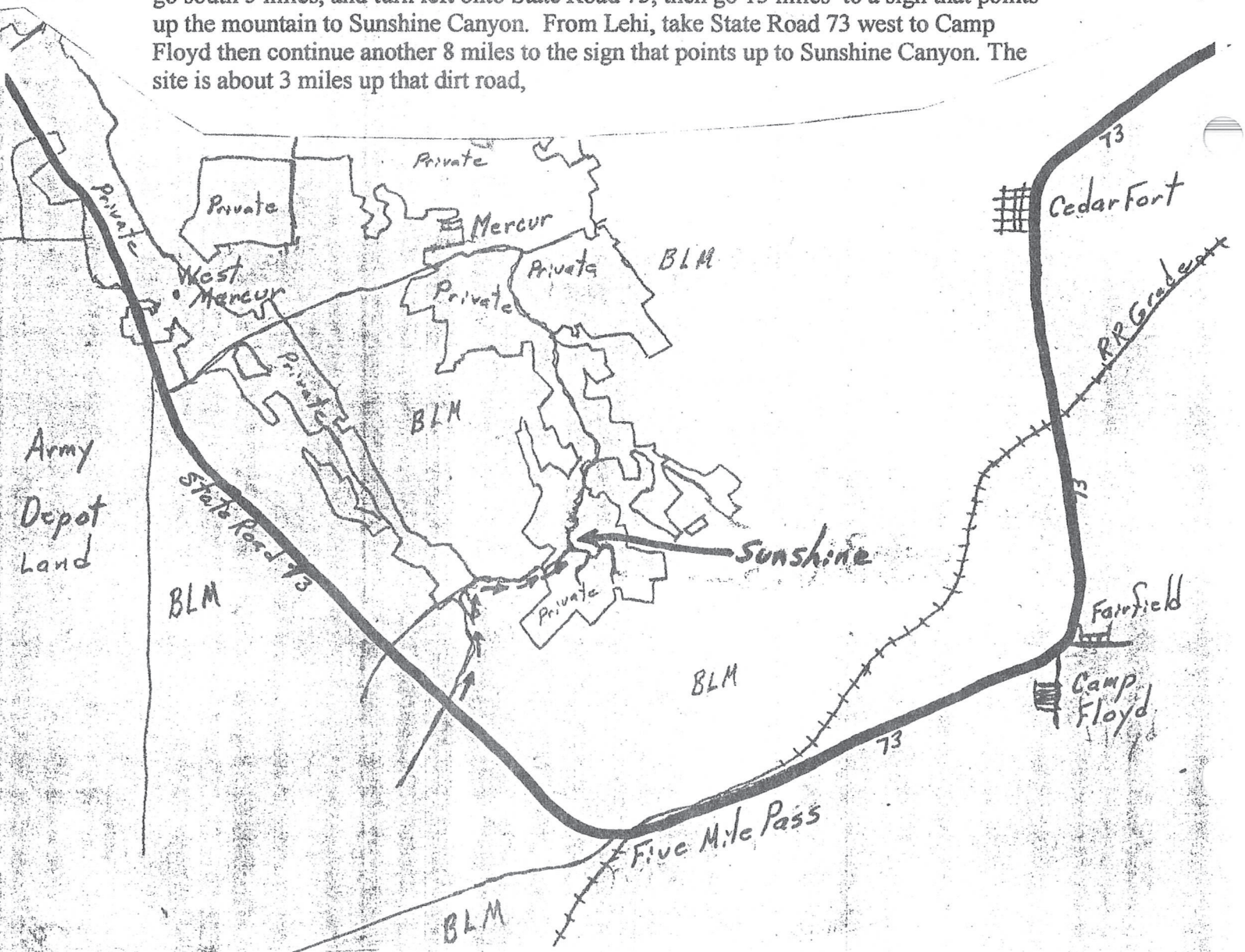
Club Hunt Saturday May 25, 2002

SUNSHINE

There were 3 places in Sunshine known to have tokens. There are 4 kinds of C. A. KLINKER & CO. S. F. They are listed between \$5 and \$15. The BOHLER & HERALD and the JOHN SEREN are each worth \$250 to \$400 or more,

Sunshine is at the southern tip of the Oquirrh Mountains, People lived there from 1893 to 1910. It is in a beautiful valley with an ominous pile of yellow-brown tailings towering over everything in the canyon above. According to the map, the townsite and the mining claims are not on BLM property.

I have directions from Stockton or from Lehi, whichever is closer to you. From Stockton, go south 5 miles, and turn left onto State Road 73, then go 13 miles to a sign that points up the mountain to Sunshine Canyon. From Lehi, take State Road 73 west to Camp Floyd then continue another 8 miles to the sign that points up to Sunshine Canyon. The site is about 3 miles up that dirt road,



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EXHIBITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits must be entered in one of the following categories
 1. Tokens and Medals
 2. U.S. and/or Foreign coins
 3. Currency and Scriptophily
 4. Junior
 5. Hand-held collectibles (other than those listed previously)
2. The point system used in the judging of the exhibits are as follows:
 - 35 pts.....Information measured in terms of educational value to the viewer.
 - 30 pts.....Arrangement and Originality, Manner of Presentation.
 - 15 pts.....Completeness, Range, Scope, and Variety of Coverage shown by the exhibit
As it relates to the exhibit title or theme.
 - 10 pts.....Condition, Quality of exhibit material compared to the highest known quality
of like material.
 - 10 pts.....Rarity, considering condition of exhibit material.
3. Awards will be given by the Exhibit Chairman to 1st and 2nd places in each category, People's Choice, and Best of Show. All other exhibitors will receive a participation award.
4. Exhibitors must be a member of one of the Utah Coin Clubs. Exhibitors may have only one (1) exhibit per exhibitor. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-reserve basis according to these rules until all available space is allocated. Applications will be accepted until ONE (1) DAY before the show begins.
5. Exhibits must be set up by 10:00 A.M. on the first day of the show (June 28) Take down and Clean-up may begin at the earliest TWO (2) HOURS before the show ends and must be complete at the latest ONE (1) HOUR after the show ends, *Saturday, June 29 7:00 P.M.*

(Please Print)

APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT

I, _____, am a member of _____ (Utah Coin Club) and I wish to exhibit in the **SALT LAKE CITY COIN AND TOKEN SHOW**. I agree to follow the above mentioned rules and regulations. I understand that neither the National Utah Token Society, its members, nor its officers are liable for any loss or damage to my exhibit.

Category Entered: (check one) #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____ #5 _____

Size of exhibit or other special requirements: _____

Check one: I need a case : _____ # of cases needed. (size: 22"X 34") I do not need any cases: _____

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